

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**  
**June 19, 2008**  
**bigforksteering.org**  
**(draft)**

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, George Darrow, John Bourquin, Paul Rana, Sue Hanson, Lamont Kincade, Elna Darrow, Sally Janover, Louise Tidwell, Sue Ostergard, Arthur Lieberman,

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:05

**Agenda:** The motion was made to adopt the agenda as emailed. (m/sc Hanson/Rana)  
Passed

Pat brought up the subject of having weekly meetings. Since we are no longer working on the neighborhood plan or tallying a survey, are weekly meetings necessary? It was decided that we would set the meetings for July and August and if we needed more we could schedule them as needed. A motion was made to have meetings on July 10, July 24 and August 14. (m/sc Hanson/Bourquin.

**The schedule is as follows:**

**July 10, 2008 12:00 PM Community Forum**

**July 24, 2008 12:00 PM**

**August 14, 2008 Community Forum**

**All of these meetings are held at Bethany Lutheran Church Basement**

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as amended (m/sc Hanson /Rana) Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report

**Resort Tax Committee:** The boundaries for the Resort Tax area were revived again. Their next meeting is June 24, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower.

**Lake County Planning:** Paul Rana showed the flyer for the 2 public meetings they are holding next month on July 22, 2008 and July 23, 2008. He stated there would be plenty of publicity, flyers, and notices in the newspapers.

**Vision Committee:** They are preparing a report to be presented later.

**Stormwater Committee:** Sue mentioned she had good response from presentations at White Water and the Paddlefest. Many people were surprised to see what agents were contained in stormwater runoff. They were also surprised to learn that oil and chemicals at your house finds their way to the storm drains and that it also plays havoc with the Bigfork Water and Sewer system and all above affect Flathead Lake. There are products that are recyclable that can be used to clean up these chemicals. The committee wants to give the schools a presentation to bring awareness to them. Copies of the Preliminary Engineering report are at the Library and at UPS. This report shows the findings of their study along with some solutions. Sue mentioned there are some solutions that don't cost a lot of money. They are waiting to find out if they receive a Treasure State Grant which won't be until the January Legislature session. One note about these grants; they are usually given to communities to that show a lot of support for the project, which is why we ask for letters from you. There will be certified personnel taking water samples periodically and that is already funded.

**Chairman's Report:** Craig reported on the Flathead County Planning Board's meeting with the Flathead County Planning Department. This meeting was held to discuss amending Section 1.04.020 of the Flathead County Zoning Regulations. The meeting came about due to the fact that the Montana Supreme Court ruled that neighborhood plans are regulatory plans. This decision is not shared by the Flathead County Planning Department. This ruling can be seen at [www.montanacourts.mt.gov/library](http://www.montanacourts.mt.gov/library). In the advanced search enter DAO6-173, Montana Citation: 2008 MT 1 Decision Date 1-3-08. Due to the length of the meeting, temperature in the room and confusion of the meeting most of us left at 9:00 as the meeting was still on going. We have requested the minutes to be emailed and I will report the final decision as soon as I receive them.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Sally Janover belongs to an organization called Neighborhood Network and she would be willing to make announcements for the BSC on items of concerns and interests.

**Announcements:** The workshop meeting with the County Planning Board to discuss the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan is next Wednesday at June 25, 2008, 6:00 PM at the Earl Bennett Building in Kalispell.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57

Meeting was adjourned at 1:06

Pat Wagner, Secretary